

BROOKLYN NEWS.

FURGUESON'S
BAIL RECORD.Indicted Once for Corrupt
Work as a Charities
Commissioner.

CONVICTED AND FINED \$200.

Another Grand Jury Expressed
Sorrow at Its Inability to
Indict Him.

COLONIZING NEW UTRECHT.

But the Boss Is in His Last Ditch
and Frauds on the Ballot Will
Not Be Permitted.

As the day approaches for the Spring elections in the town of New Utrecht the light between the citizens and property-owners against the "Honorable" Cornelius Furgueson, State Police Inspector, Supervisor, Chief of Police, President of all the public improvement committees and generally the John Y. McKane of the place, grows fiercer.

Furgueson realizes he is now making the fight of his life. He is working night and day to prevent bills passing through the Legislature which will abolish the offices he holds, and he is preparing to defeat the citizens' movement by colonizing the town with voters who will turn out in full force for him.

Furgueson is a wealthy man, some say a millionaire, and it is claimed by his friends that he will spend thousands of dollars to retain his grip on the town. As President of all the town improvement committees he controls all the contractors and all their laborers. He is now bringing workmen from New York and Brooklyn to be employed by the contractors, their salaries, it is said, of course, to be paid by the property-owners. The first batch of these new men arrived Saturday. There were some in the gang and nearly all of them came from New York. The work put to work on the new improvements Monday.

Each day the gangs are being added to by smaller consignments. They are all prepared to take a hand in the elections. Great excitement is anticipated during the closing days of the campaign, as the citizens propose to fight Furgueson to the bitter end and prosecute all offenders of the Election law.

The presence in the town of Deputy Attorney-General Edward M. Shepard, who prosecuted John Y. McKane, may have some effect upon the results of the election. Mr. Shepard has promised the citizens of New Utrecht that he will prosecute all offenders of the Election laws. Special officers selected by him will be assigned to duty at each polling place, and every means will be taken to prevent fraudulent ballots from being cast.

Furgueson is now getting on in years, and is not now so defiant as he was some years ago. In the last quarter of a century the boss has had some narrow escapes from prison. Records of the Kings County District-Attorney's office and the Board of Supervisors show that while Furgueson was a Commissioner of Charities in 1875 he was indicted, tried and convicted. He was sentenced to the State Prison for a term of one year. He was released on parole in 1880. He was again indicted, tried and convicted in 1885. He was sentenced to the State Prison for a term of one year. He was released on parole in 1888. He was again indicted, tried and convicted in 1891. He was sentenced to the State Prison for a term of one year. He was released on parole in 1893.

For this offense Furgueson, with his confederates, was sentenced to pay a fine of \$200. On appeal the higher courts decided against the people, and the fine was remitted. Since then Furgueson has been mixed up in large matters, which were also dealt with by the Grand Jury.

In 1890 the February Grand Jury investigated the job of the Cropper and Eighteenth avenues, in which Furgueson was the prime mover. The Grand Jury made a presentment against him, and the Court of Sessions, regretting their inability to indict Furgueson and others, going to the State Prison, and the records show that the presentment was framed in strong language, denouncing the method of awarding contracts and the queer specifications of the work to be performed.

Furgueson then, as Supervisor, had his son appointed Chairman of the Improvement Committee. The younger Furgueson looked upon the other Commissioners as dummies, and refused to call meetings or allow the other members to participate in the work.

When property-owners refused to pay or could not meet the exorbitant assessments levied by Furgueson and the others, their houses were sold for a song to those on the list.

In one case, the presentment says, a prominent citizen offered the Improvement Committee \$2500 for houses owned by George Henning and condemned by the Commission. The offer was ignored, and the houses were sold for \$500 to James Waters, a brother-in-law of Furgueson. Afterwards the houses were removed to a lot owned by Furgueson, and are now known as the Bath Beach Hotel.

In this way, the Grand Jury charged that through the conspiracy of Furgueson and his allies, the town of New Utrecht was defrauded out of more than three-quarters of the assessments levied upon the property-owners for the opening and closing of Cropper and Eighteenth avenues.

The property-owners had failed to take action in the matter within five years, and so Furgueson and the others were indicted.

The contract for these improvements is locked up in Furgueson's safe, and none of the property-owners has ever seen it. The contract was defrauded out of in 1894, to run, and unless fraud is discovered and taken before the Grand Jury before that time, the improvements can be found against the miscreants.

There are still some interesting records to be found in Furgueson's safe, which are the result of the investigations conducted by the citizens of the town. They have all been mentioned in "The Evening World" except these which will conclude the inquiry now being quickly conducted by some of the citizens. What irregularities are found will be laid before the Kings County Grand Jury, and some sensational developments may follow.

King Furgueson declares that, if successful in his fight, he will make those who are fighting him pay dearly for causing him this trouble.

DEAD BABY FOUND IN A FENCE.

Its Mother Was Under Arrest for
Theft at the Time.Many Stolen Goods Discovered in
Florence Peters's House.

The Brooklyn police are trying to ascertain the owners of stolen property recovered in the house at 182 Bond street yesterday through the discovery of a dead child locked in the apartments occupied by Florence Peters, alias Annie Davis, a notorious colored sneak-thief. She was arrested yesterday while operating in New York.

The New York police have been watching the young woman for some time, but were unable to locate the place where she kept the stolen goods. The woman had employed a nurse named Lily Brown to care for her sick child.

On Wednesday Mrs. Peters was arrested while leaving the house of Mrs. Gott, at 24 West thirty-second street, with a quantity of clothing, which she had stolen from the house.

While under arrest the woman's little child, Ethel, died, and the nurse remained with it over night, but yesterday became frightened and, after locking the door, ran away.

The neighbors suspected something was wrong and notified Capt. Levey, of the Butler street station. When the police broke into the place they found a dead child lying on a bed and also a quantity of silk dresses and other clothing, canes and shoes, all valued at about \$200.

In the bureau drawer they found a number of pawn tickets for jewelry. Capt. Levey and one of the neighbors went to New York yesterday and recognized the woman under arrest as Florence Peters.

The woman confessed her operations to New York, and stored the stolen goods in Brooklyn. She has robbed a number of prominent New Yorkers, including Mrs. Mary Rockwell, of 35 East twenty-second street, from whom she stole \$500 worth of jewelry.

CAN'T COLLECT THEIR WAGES.

Workmen Make a Complaint
Against Contractor Blaney.

A delegation of eight men, representing about twenty-five workmen who were employed upon the new Boys' High School at Marcy and Putnam avenues, called at the office of the Board of Education yesterday afternoon and made a formal complaint to Secretary Brown that they had never received any money for the work done by them more than a year and a half ago.

They represented to Secretary Brown that their families were suffering for want of the money. The story told by them is one that should receive immediate attention. They were employed by Contractor Daniel F. Blaney, living at 81 Tenth street.

Blaney had the contract for laying concrete walks around the school when the building was completed in 1882. The men claimed they never received a cent in payment for their work, although they have made numerous appeals to the contractor and public officials. Recently the men carried the matter into court.

Mechanics' liens amounting to \$1,500 were filed in the office of the County Clerk, and the Board of Education was obliged to stop the work until the claims of the twenty-five families is now being held awaiting the order of the court.

MILITARY CIRCLES EXCITED.

Officers in Brooklyn Regiments
Being Hauled Over the Coals.

Military circles in Brooklyn are in a state of excitement over the way certain officers are being hauled over the coals. The court of the Second Brigade is composed of Col. Harry Michel, Fourth Regiment; Lieut.-Col. William H. Hubbell, Forty-seventh Regiment, and Lieut.-Col. William L. Watson, Thirtieth Regiment. The court will sit on Monday night in Brigade Headquarters, Hall of Records, Brooklyn.

Several of the officers appear before the court eleven are attached to the Thirtieth Regiment, three to the Fourth, one each to the Thirtieth, Thirtieth and Forty-seventh Regiments, and one to the Third Battery.

Among those to appear are said to be Rev. Dr. J. O. Peck, Chaplain of the Thirtieth Regiment, and Lieut.-Col. Selden C. Clobridge, of the Fourteenth Regiment, now under indictment for irregularities in the Brooklyn tax matter where he was employed as bookkeeper.

FATAL TROLLEY ACCIDENT.

Police Trying to Fix the Identity of
Last Night's Victim.

The Brooklyn police are to-day trying to fix the identity of a man who was fatally injured last night by a trolley-car on Third avenue, in Fort Hamilton.

The victim attempted to cross the avenue, near Ninety-fourth street, when he came dashing along and knocked him down.

The motorman saw the old man when it was too late to avert an accident. He rang the bell and put on the brakes. The bell started the man, so that he stood between the tracks, too confused to seek a place of safety. The car struck him on the head, and he was thrown several feet.

The man was removed to the Norwegian Hospital, where he regained consciousness long enough to say he was Walter Osgood, sixty years old, and lived on Thirty-eighth street. He did not give the number. He layed into unconsciousness again in a few minutes and died.

The police have searched Thirty-eighth street, but can find nobody who knew the victim. Coroner Kene will hold an inquest.

DISMISSED BY THE MAYOR.

Railway's Executive Wants No
Brutal Policemen.

RAHWAY, N. J., Feb. 23.—Mayor Daly sprung another surprise to the citizens last night by suspending Policeman Ferdinand Gelse for clubbing an inoffensive man, who was partly under the influence of liquor. The man who received the blows was William C. Dyer, of New Dover, who had come to this city to board a train for Newark. The man appeared in court this morning with his head in bandages, having received three two-inch cuts and many bruises.

Mayor Daly dismissed Chief of Police Crane last Wednesday for allowing a prisoner to escape.

"It will all come out in the wash," if you use Pearlline.

GIRLS FIGHT FOR A LOVER.

Jack O'Byrne Was to Take the
Winner for a Sweetheart."Stag Party" Fought by a Street
Battle and The Arrest.

Julia Hughes, seventeen years old, of 73 Monroe street, and Maggie Reardon, eighteen years old, of 25 Monroe street, were arraigned before Justice Hogan in the Essex Market Police Court to-day to answer a charge of disorderly conduct.

At 1 o'clock this morning Policeman Heaphy, of the Madison street station, found the two girls fighting at Catherine and Cherry streets. They were surrounded by a number of young men, who cheered them on. The policeman pushed his way through the crowd and arrested the female pugilists, who at that time had their hands entangled in each other's tresses.

They shouted to the officer not to interfere, but to allow them to fight it out. Policeman Heaphy succeeded, after a struggle, in separating them. The girls said that they were fighting for a lover. A young man of their acquaintance, Jack O'Byrne, had promised to take the best girl as his sweetheart.

Both girls are pretty, but from their appearance it can be easily seen that they are addicted to drinking something stronger than tea or water. They met at a stag party at which O'Byrne was present.

When the band wanted him as their partner, finally the two girls came together and agreed to leave it to O'Byrne as to whom he would have for his sweetheart. O'Byrne said he liked them both, and suggested that they should fight it out, and that he would take the winner for his lady love. Thereupon the "stag" party broke up and those present adjourned to Catherine and Cherry streets to see the fight.

Both girls took off their hats and scarves, and "Box" Nooney was selected as referee. The fight didn't last over one round and it ended in a draw, through the interference of Policeman Heaphy.

The girls were chewing tutti frutti when arraigned in court. While passing the night in a cell in the Eldridge street police station, they renewed their friendship, and each vowed to give up O'Byrne if he did not get a politician to go on their bond.

"If we were men," said Maggie Reardon, "you bet yer life we'd have got out on bail. All I've got to say is that a girl's got no earthly use to a politician."

"That are you girls grinning at?" asked Justice Hogan as he looked at the defendants, who had a broad smile on their faces. They made no reply. Policeman Heaphy then told his story.

"All I've got to say is that we were to a racket and began Miss Hughes and what?" interrupted Justice Hogan. "A racket? What do you mean?"

"Why a racket. Don't you know what that means? Why it's a place where a crowd of fellows and girls meet and have a good time. We call it a racket in the Seventh Ward, and untown people call it a sociable."

Justice Hogan said that he "saw," and sent the girls home after lecturing them severely, as they promised not to fight again.

BYRNES'S TWO RAIDS.

Annie Gray and Emma Lewis Held
in \$500 Each.

Central Office detectives invaded Capt. Haughey's precinct last night, as well as Capt. Price's, when they raided 528-530 Seventh avenue and 105 West Forty-sixth street. The captains of the two precincts knew nothing of the raids until they had taken place. The prisoners were taken to the West Thirtieth street station, where nearly all were bailed out.

The Seventh avenue house is elegantly furnished, and is said to be owned by Sally Harland. The detectives did not find the proprietress, and the arrested Emma Lewis, the housekeeper. No other prisoners were made.

At the Forty-sixth street house, Annie Gray, who gave the name of Annie Huntington, was arrested. Three women and four men were also taken into custody.

The warrants were secured yesterday from Justice Ryan. At Jefferson Market Police Court to-day Annie Gray and Emma Lewis were each held for trial in \$500 bail on complaints of keeping disorderly houses and in \$100 bail on violating the Excise law.

Weavers Want More Wages.

PATERSON, N. J., Feb. 23.—Thirty weavers
employed in the silk mills of Ashley & Bailey
struck to-day for an increase of 15 per cent.
in wages. The weavers claim that the wages paid
them are the smallest in the city. The weavers
at Johnson, Corwin & Co. are still out.

Patriotic Children to Celebrate.
Three hundred children will celebrate Washington's
birth at 1 o'clock to-night at the Bloomingdale
Reformed Church, West Sixty-eighth street
and Boulevard. Recitations by Miss Sadie V.
Miller will be one of the features. Admission will
be free.

Pestier's Backbone Broken.
Peter Pestier, of 1 Sumner avenue, Williamsburg,
was reported in a dying condition at the
Eastern District Hospital to-day. Pestier fell
off the Elevated Railroad station at Myrtle and
Bunker street last night, fracturing his
bones and receiving serious internal injuries. He
has been unconscious ever since.

A Great Gift.
(From Judge.)
"Miss Curious has the gift of second sight."

"Indeed?"
"Yes," she looks back twice at the dress of nearly every woman she passes."

Not Enough.
(From Judge.)
Pike—These tests of the new battle ships are all right as far as they go, but they don't go far enough.

Dyke—What would you like to have done?
Pike—Well, if they'd fire at the latest ships with the latest guns, we'd have some idea of what they could stand.

Establishing His Credit.
(From Judge.)
Stapleton—What makes Fawcett the broker, look so consequential to-day?
Caldecott—Haven't you heard? A crank visited him yesterday and tried to dynamite him.

Stapleton—Well, why should he put on any trills over that?
Caldecott—It gives him a standing among the millionaires, don't you see?

Her Joyous Season.
(From Judge.)
Giles—I never expected to see a smile on that landlady's face during these hard times.

Merritt—She has her rooms full of theological students, and they are all keeping Lent.

A Boarding-House Saint.
(From Judge.)
Landlady—Poor Mr. Lightweight died last week, and if any one ever deserved to go to heaven he did.

Mr. Heavyweight (who is slightly in arrears)—Why?

Landlady (weeping)—He always paid his board in advance, never complained if a bed wasn't made up, and ate such a delicate appetite as that poor saint had.

PAIR AND CLEAR—that's the way your skin will be, if you take Dr. Pierce's Golden Medical Discovery. Pimples, blotches, eruptions, and humors, utterly banished by this medicine. It takes away more thoroughly and certainly than anything else, the blood poisons or impurities that cause them.

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HOW KATRINA'S VALENTINE
REACHED HER AFTER ALL.

(From Life.)
The question whether man will ever be able to navigate the air was discussed at the recent meeting of the British Association at Nottingham by Lord Kelvin, President of the Mechanical Science Section, says Youth's Companion. The facts and conclusions stated by him seem to favor the probability that the power of mechanical flight may yet be added to the accomplishments of our race. The most promising experiments at present are those of Prof. Langley and Mr. Maxim, who utilize the buoyant principle of a broad, thin plane moving edgewise through the air.

In the course of the discussion many curious facts were brought out concerning the flight of birds. By studying the structure and methods of the animals that actually do fly we can best get at the secret and learn how, with the aid of mechanical appliances, to turn it to our own use.

It has been asserted that birds are able to fly because they are lighter, bulk for bulk, than other animals; but Mr. Head showed that this is not so, and that birds have about the same specific gravity as the other inhabitants of the earth. The real secret of their flying seems to reside in their ability to exert a greater energy in proportion to their weight than other animals. They develop, for instance, about three times as much horse-power per pound of weight as either man or the horse can do.

Mr. Head believes that this wonderful energy in birds is due rather to rapidity of limb action than to increase of muscular stress. This in turn implies rapid combustion of tissue in their bodies and large consumption of food.

As a matter of fact, the temperature of birds is higher than that of other animals, while all birds that are much on the wing have voracious appetites.

Then, too, birds seem to have acquired, by instinct or practice, a marvellous skill in taking advantage of the buoyant effects of winds and air currents. To this is believed to be due their ability to soar and to go long distances with great rapidity without any apparent motion of the wings.

The frigate-bird, for instance, can, according to the observations of Mr. Langcaster, fly 100 miles and more with its wings held in a fixed position. Mr. Langcaster also asserts that this powerful bird is able to keep aloft continuously in the air without alighting by day or night.

If this is so and the speed of 100 miles an hour is maintained unabated, then the frigate bird should be able to go more than two-thirds of the way around the earth without stopping to rest, and in about eleven days it might circle the globe.

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AN ACCIDENT THAT SPOILED
IT ALL.

(From Puck.)
Miss Flirty (gossiping in a very chic attitude)—I am quite uncertain, Mr. Long, whether to say yes or no.

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MYSTERIES OF AERIAL FLIGHT.

Progress of the Birds Offers an
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NEW JERSEY.

NO BRIBERY, SAYS VOORHEES.

That Is, So Far as Republican
Senators Are Concerned.Only Race-Track Men, He Says, Can
Command Such a Sum.

TRIDENT, N. J., Feb. 23.—The story published exclusively in "The World" this morning concerning the attempted bribery of four Democratic Senators by Republican leaders created considerable excitement among the members of the Republican Senate, all of whom were present here this morning.

At night, Republicans were in conference upon the question of proceedings, and this morning they held a short session in order to advance Senator Voorhees's bill creating a custodian of laws to a second reading.

Senator Voorhees, of Union, who seems to be the spokesman for the entire Senate, said to an "Evening World" reporter: "We have been heads of such a thing for several weeks. At first we did not intend to say anything about the matter, thinking it was only one of those rumors which generally follow in the wake of such a dilemma as we are now in."

"Only parties identified with race tracks can command such a sum, and we do